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SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY Report #2 -- 2000 Pacific Whiting Fishery

This report consolidates preliminary state, federal, and tribal data for the 2000 Pacific whiting fishery off Washington, Oregon, and California. The catcher/processor and non-tribal mothership fishery started on May 15. The mothership fishery was projected to reach its allocation and was closed on June 9. As in previous years, the catcher/processor fishery for whiting continues at a slower pace, due in part to the industry's cooperative agreement to divide the allocation amongst themselves, eliminating the need to compete with more vessels at a faster pace. The shore-based season in most of the Eureka area (between 42°- 40°30' N. lat.) began on April 1, and the fishery south of 40° 30' N. lat. opened April 15. The shore-based whiting fishery south of 42° N. lat. reached its allocation and was temporarily "closed" (a 20,000 lb per trip limit applied) from June 8 until June 15 when the shore-based fishery north of 42° N. lat. began.

| | Allocation | | Catch (mt) | Thru [date] | Status | Percent of allocation taken |
|---|--|---------------|---------------|-------------|--|-----------------------------|
| | Percentages | Metric Tons | | | | |
| California (south of 42 N lat.) | (5% shore alloc'n; included in WOC shore-based allocation) | 4,190 | 4,109 | 6/8 | started 0001 hours April 1; 5% alloc'n taken 6/8/00. Temp. "closure" noon 6/8/00 to 0001 hours 6/15/00 | 98.1% |
| Oregon | -- | NA | 37 | 6/10 | start 0001 hours 6/15 (37 mt taken under 20,000 lb per trip limit) | |
| Washington | -- | NA | 0 | | start 0001 hours 6/15 | |
| WOC shoreside | 42% commercial OY | 83,790 | 4,146 | | | 4.9% |
| Mothership (n. of 42 N. lat.) | 24% commercial OY | 47,880 | 46,876 | 6/9 | started 0001 hours 5/15/00, closed 1600 6/9/00 | 97.9% |
| Catcher/processor (n. of 42 N. lat.) | 34% commercial OY | 67,830 | 29,726 | 6/21 | started 0001 hours 5/15/00 | 43.8% |
| Total nontribal | commercial OY (86% OY) | 199,500 | 80,748 | -- | -- | 40.5% |
| Tribal (Makah) | 14% OY | 32,500 | 1,333 | 6/21 | started 6/10 | 4.1% |
| Total | OY=optimum yeild | 232,000 | 82,081 | -- | -- | 35.4% |

* Catch includes discards from at-sea processors; weigh-backs from shore-based catcher vessels; and small amounts landed under the 20,000-pound trip limit between the seasons. The data for at-sea

processing (catcher/processors and motherships) are preliminary and are based on reports from NMFS-trained observers. Data for shoreside processors also are preliminary and are provided by each State to NMFS for the purpose of monitoring the fishery. If you have questions on shoreside landings, please contact the appropriate state fishery management agency. Preliminary data for the Makah fishery will be from a NMFS-trained observer (s). All weights are round weight (the weight of the whole fish before processing) or round-weight equivalents. One metric ton is 2,204.62 pounds.